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SUBJECT: USGS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BOLIVIAN
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1. USGS UNABLE TO TRANSMIT DRAFT AGREEMENTS WITHIN DATES
INDICATED REFTEL. HOWEVER, DRAFTS ARE BEING POUCHED TODAY.
EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE MINMINES OF FOLLOWING CHANGES IN
DRAFTS.

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: (1) ARTICLE V, 5.4 NOW
READS: QUOTE RESULTS OF COMPLETED PROJECTS SHALL BE
PUBLISHED TO THE EXTENT AND IN A MANNER MUTUALLY AGREED
UPON BY THE USGS AND THE MINISTRY UNQUOTE. (2) ARTICLE VII
7.8 NOW READS: QUOTE PROVIDE SUCH TRANSPORTATION AS MAY BE
NECESSARY IN BOLIVIA FOR THE CONDUCT OF FIELD ACTIVITIES
OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS UNQUOTE. (3) ARTICLE X.10.3 CHANGED
TO CITE THE MINISTRY IN ADDITION TO THE USGS IN THIS
ARTICLE, E.G. IF EITHER THE USGS OR THE MINISTRY IS TEM-
PORARILY RENDERED UNABLE BY FORCE MAJEURE ETC.

3. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: SECTION IV AS REFLECTED
IN EARLIER DRAFTS DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND FOLLOWING
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SUBSTITUTED THEREFOR: QUOTE SECTION IV. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE COSTS OF THE TASKS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE USGS AS OUTLINED HEREIN SHALL BE PAID FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY AS SET FORTH BELOW: 1. THE MINISTRY AGREES TO REIMBURSE THE USGS IN U.S. DOLLARS, AS REQUIRED IN ARTICLE V.5.3. OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, SIGNED BY THE MINISTRY ON (BLANK) AND THE USGS ON (BLANK) FOR ACTUAL COSTS OF THE LINE ITEMS UNDER COLUMN A OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATE (ATTACHMENT A HERETO) WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER RECEIPT BY THE MINISTRY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE AMOUNTS CITED IN ATTACHMENT A ARE BASED ON THE ESTIMATES OF SALARY, ALLOWANCES, AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE USGS PERSONNEL AND UPON CURRENT PREVAILING COSTS: HOWEVER, IF ACTUAL COSTS INCREASE BY 10 OR MORE THAN ESTIMATED IN ATTACHMENT A, THE AMOUNT TO BE REIMBURSED AND/OR ADVANCED WILL BE RENEGOTIATED. IF THE INCREASE IS ESTIMATED TO BE LESS THAN 10, THE MINISTRY AGREES TO REIMBURSE THE USGS FOR ACTUAL COSTS WITHOUT RENEGOTIATION OF THE AMOUNT. 2. THE MINISTRY WILL, UPON FINAL APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN NO. BOL-1, SUBMIT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, A CHECK IN BOLIVIAN CURRENCY, PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO U.S. \$4,900 TO COVER THE COSTS OF LINE ITEMS UNDER COLUMN B OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES (ATTACHMENT B HERETO). UNQUOTE.

4. USGS REALIZES THIS SECTION REQUIRES SUPPORT FROM EMBASSY NOT INCLUDED USGS ACTING DIRECTOR BALSLEY'S LETTER OF JANUARY 30 TO AMBASSADOR BUT NECESSITY FOR THIS CHANGE NOT KNOWN AT THAT TIME. USGS URGENTLY REQUESTS EMBASSY PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT.

5. USGS WELCOMES VISIT BY GUTIERREZ MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT MORE FULLY. HAVE INFORMED U.S. BUREAU OF MINES CONCERNING PLANS FOR VISIT AND GUTIERREZ INTEREST IN ASSISTANCE ON DOCUMENTATION CENTER. KISSINGER

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